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Dear Commissioner Henney:

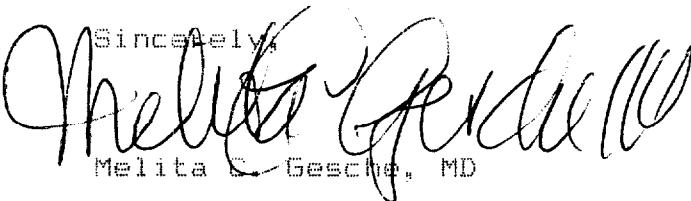
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It is every consumer's right to KNOW WHAT she or he is offered to eat and to choose whether to do so or not, given the information provided. If adequate and complete information is not provided, this right is taken away.

If the product, its contents and modifications are in fact harmless, in the short and the long run, - and not just to consumers but also the environment! - as established by uninterested and bona fide sources, then the producers need not be afraid to list all contents and all genetic alterations. Since many genetic and other alterations are made in the interest of the companies' bottom line - let's not kid ourselves! - their attempt to hide facts may not bode well for the health of consumers. I was trained as a public health physician and firmly believe that prevention is much preferable to cure!

It clearly behooves the Federal Government to ensure that consumers' rights to make FULLY informed choices are NOT abridged by commercial or other interests that potentially conflict with them.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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